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MAN SENTENCED TO 78 MONTHS FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS

Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Adam Meece, 30, of Madison, Wis., was sentenced today by Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 78 months in prison, without the possibility of parole, for unlawfully possessing two firearms as a convicted felon on April 17, 2008.

Meece was on probation for felony escape when a confidential informant told a Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force officer that Meece was selling large quantities of cocaine and that he was armed with two pistols. Meece was subsequently arrested on an outstanding probation warrant and his girlfriend consented to a search of their apartment.

Two handguns were recovered under the mattress in their bedroom. One was loaded and it had an obliterated serial number. In the kitchen, containers with cocaine residue were located, as well as a scale and baggies with corners missing. Also, \$3,400 was hidden in the basement rafters and a drug dog gave its alert signal on the money.

Meece received a 78-month sentence because he has an extensive criminal history, which Judge Crabb said makes him a danger to the community.

The charge against Meece was the result of an investigation conducted by the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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